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## Intimations.

**BY APPOINTMENT.**  
**A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,**  
(Incorporated in A.D. 1884.)

**THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,**  
HONGKONG.

Wholesale and Retail Druggists.  
FAMILY MEDICINES AND  
GENERAL CHEMISTS.  
PATENT MEDICINE PROPRIETORS.  
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.  
MANUFACTURERS OF ALKALINE  
WATERS.

By Special Machinery.  
CIGAR IMPORTERS, &c., &c.

In submitting an abridged Synopsis of a few  
of the chief lines of goods included in our business,  
we beg to state that we import Drugs,  
Chemicals, and Goods of every kind of the best  
description only—no other quality is kept in stock.

Our long experience and intimate acquaintance  
with the Trade, and the best sources of  
supply, enable us to purchase direct from the  
Producers on the very best terms, and thus give  
us an advantage which enables us to offer our  
contributions to the benefit of a considerable  
portion of the community at prices as low as  
can be obtained elsewhere.

We wish to be clearly understood that  
our prices cannot be beaten by any other firm in  
the Colony; and we trust it will soon be  
generally known that, for quality, our  
charges all round compare favourably with  
those of our competitors, and in most instances with  
those of our customers.

Experienced and qualified English Assistants  
are employed in the preparation and  
dispensing of Medicines.

Analysis of all kinds.—We are in a position  
to attend to the interests of our Clients.

**FAMILY & DOMESTIC MEDICINES,**  
AND OTHER GOODS AND APPLIANCES  
KEPT IN STOCK.

**NURSERY AND INVALIDS'**  
REQUISITES.

Infants' Feeding Bottles, Dishes, Brushes  
and Teats, Food Warmers, Lamps, and  
Night Lights.

Invalids' Feeding Cups and Tubes.  
Breast Pumps, Nipple Shields, Violet  
Powder, Puff Boxes, and Puffs.

Infants' Food of all kinds.  
Bland's Essence of Beef, Mutton, Chicken,  
Veal, &c.

LISSON'S Extract of Beef.  
Valentine's Meat Juice.  
Condensed Milk, Corn Flour, Bermuda  
Arrowroot, Russian, Japanese, Prepared  
Gruels, Genuine Mustard, &c.

**MEDICAL AND DOMESTIC**  
**APPLIANCES, &c.**

Cholera Belts, Metal and Earthenware  
Pots, Pans, Disinfectants, and Medicaments.  
Surgical Paper, Emulsifying Pistils, &c.

Southey's Sanitary Towels for Ladies' use.

Bar and Enema Syringes, Bougies, Catheters,  
Fossors, Trusses, Elastic Silk  
Stockings, Knee Caps, Anklets, Wrists,  
and Bandages of all kinds.

Urinals, Male or Female, in Glass,  
Earthenware, and India Rubber.

Water-proof Sheeting.  
For Bags for Rice and Spices.  
Brooches, Kotiles, Hot Water Bottles,  
Chest and Lung Protectors,  
Adhesive Plaster, Court Dittos,  
Corn and Bunion Plasters.

Lint, Oiled Silk, Gutta Serena Tissue,  
Japanese Red Paper, Air-tight  
Mustard Leaves, Spontaneous Pills,  
Lined Meal for Poultries, Poultice  
Bags, &c., &c.

Mineral Measures, Medicine Glasses and  
Spectacles, Champagne and Soda Water Taps,  
Seltzogenes, &c.

Eye Baths, Droppers and Douche,  
Throat Sprays, Inhalers and Insufflators,  
Stethoscopes, Hypodermic Syringes.

**THERMOMETERS, &c.**  
Chemical, Clinical, and Bath Thermometers.

Six's Minimum and Maximum Thermometers,  
Alcoholometers, Barometers,  
Galvanometers, Hydrometers, Lactometers,  
Ureometers, Specific Gravity Bottles,  
Viscometers, Test Tubes, &c., &c.

**SUN SPECTACLES AND GOGGLES,**  
with Blue, Green, and Smoked Glasses, Eye  
Preservers and Shades of all kinds.

**DENTAL AND SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS.**  
Ear Cornets, and Trampets, Conversation  
Tubes, Corn Knives and Rubbers,  
Canal Hair Pencils, Ligature Catgut, Silver  
Wire, Precipitated Knives and Scissors,  
Pocket Dressing Cases and Instruments,  
Probing, Respirators, Dispensing Scales  
and Weights.

**MEDICINE CHESTS.**  
Medicine Chests for family and travellers' use.

Ships' Medicine Chests fitted in accordance  
with the regulations of the Board of Trade.

Medicine Chests refitted complete at a  
few hours' notice.

Medicine Chests Guided containing a list of  
useful Domestic Medicines with their  
Properties and Doses.

**ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES.**  
Magneo-Electric Machines for the Cure  
of Nervous Diseases, Neuralgia, Rheumatism,  
&c., &c.

Electric Hair Brushes for preventing  
dandruff.

Electrophoretic Belts for Dyspepsia, Rheumatism,  
Lumbago, &c.

Electric Bells, Batteries, Pumps, Indicators,  
Wire, and appliances generally.

**HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICINES.**  
We always have on hand a varied assortment  
of these kinds in most general demand.

**VACCINE.**  
We import regular supplies of Pure  
Fresh Calf Lymph by every Mail from  
England.

Vaccine Lincetta and Vaccination Shields.

## Intimations.

**TOILET REQUISITES.**  
JOSEPH RODGERS & Sons' "SHAMFIELD"  
Razors, Scissors, and Penknives.  
Razors, Scissors, Paste, and Paper.  
Bar, Tooth, and Nail Picks and Trimmers.  
Dressing Combs.  
Hair, Tooth, Nail, Bath, and Shaving  
Brushes in great variety.  
Combs, Hair, Hairpins, and Pomades.  
Tooth Pastes, Powders, and Soaps.  
Tooth Bath Glasses, and Straps, Looftans.  
Fine Turkey Oup and Honey Comb.  
Bath and Toilet Sponges of all sizes.  
Fine English Cut-glass Toilet Bottles and  
Perfume Spray Dispensers. An Elegant  
Assortment of various designs.

**CHOICE PERFUMERY.**  
English, French, and American.  
A large selection of all kinds kept in  
stock to choose from.

**SOAPS.**  
Family, Toilet, Medicated, and Trans-  
parent.

In addition to those of our own make, all  
of which we can confidently recommend,  
we keep a large and varied assortment of  
the following well-known makes, viz.:—  
Alkison's, Calvert's, Colgate's, Hen-  
drie's, Lubin's, Pears', &c., &c.

**GENUINE PATENT MEDICINES.**  
European and American Patent Medi-  
cines, Specialties, and Proprietary Remedies,  
imported direct from the Original  
Makers or their appointed Agents.

Special Agents for Burroughs', Wellcome  
& Co.'s New and Popular Remedies.  
Kaiser's Extract of Meat—Ditto with Cod  
Liver Oil. Wyeth's Tablets—Preparations  
of all kinds.

Fairchild's Digestive Peptonoids, Zymine,  
&c., &c.

Sole Agents for Scott's Emulsion of Cod  
Liver Oil.

**MINERAL WATERS OF ALL KINDS.**  
Apolinaris, Carlsbad, Esselup, Friedrichs-  
haller, Hunyadi Janos, Pullna, Vals,  
Vichy, &c.

We import direct shipments of all the  
above regularly at short intervals.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS.**  
Photographic Apparatus, Chemicals, and  
Materials of all kinds suitable for Amateurs  
and Professionals, including Cameras,  
Lenses, Baths, Trays, Lamps, Mounts, &c.

Our Cameras and Lenses are of Ex-  
ceptional quality, specially made for use  
in tropical climates and fitted with all the  
latest improvements.

**CHAPSERS OF APPARATUS FOR AMATEURS**  
AND TRAVELLERS. Three sizes, viz.:—1. 1/2,  
2. 1, and 3. Complete in strong Wood  
Cabinets.

**PHOTO CHEMICALS AND SUPPLIES** of all  
kinds at Moderate Prices.

Albumenized and Sensitized Papers.  
Tinted Collodion and Kodak  
Dry Plates—Thomas', Hford, and Wratt-  
tan & Wainwright's kept in Stock.  
Price list of Photo. goods supplied gratis  
and post free on application.

**FLOWER & VEGETABLE SEEDS.**  
We import the newest and best varieties  
obtainable every season direct from the best  
growers in England, France, and Germany.  
Full Catalogue and price list (with "Hints  
for Gardening") to be had on application.

**AERATED WATERS.**  
Our Factory has been recently refitted  
with automatic Steam Machinery of the  
latest and most approved kind, and we are  
well able to compete in quality with the  
best English Makers.

The parent ingredients only are used, and  
the utmost care and cleanliness are ex-  
ercised in the manufacture throughout.

FOR COAST PORTS—Waters are packed  
and placed on board ship at Hongkong  
wharves, and the full amount allowed for  
Freight & Expanses when resorted in good  
order.

Analytical Reports and full particulars  
to be had on application.

**WINES AND SPIRITS.**  
We invite attention to our old landed  
Brands, all of which are of excellent quality  
and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our  
London House, and bought direct from  
the most noted Suppliers, are imported  
in bulk and bottled by ourselves, thus  
enabling us to supply the best goods at  
moderate prices.

Price list to be had on application.

**MANILA CIGARS AND CHEROOTS.**  
A carefully selected and well-matured  
stock of most of the best makes and our  
own special brands always on hand.

We can deliver boxes of 500 or more to  
any address in England, duty and all ex-  
penses paid.

**CIGARETTES.**  
We import direct shipments of the follow-  
ing favourite Brands regularly at short in-  
tervals.

Sweet Caporal, Richmond Gem, and Old  
Judge.

**TOBACCO.**  
IN TINS AND JACKETS.  
Pipes, Cigar and Cigarette Tubes, Cigar  
and Cigarette Cases, Pouches, Cigarette  
Machines, and a varied assortment of  
Smokers' Requisites.

**GOODS FOR COAST PORTS.**  
Whenever practicable, are despatched by  
first steamer leaving after receipt of order.  
Most articles can now be sent by the local  
Parcel Post. All retail orders of the value  
of five dollars and upwards are sent freight  
or postage paid.

Orders through Local Post or by Tele-  
gram receive prompt attention.

Addressed Envelopes Order Forms, and  
Aerated Water Containers supplied free  
on application.

**A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.**  
**THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,**  
HONGKONG.

**BRANCH ESTABLISHMENTS.**  
A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited.

THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY, SHANGHAI.  
24, Nanke Road.

BOCCA INDIANA, MANILA, Escala, 14,  
THE CANTON DISPENSARY, CANTON,  
Canal Road.

THE DISPENSARY, FOCHOW.  
THE DISPENSARY, HANKOW.  
THE DISPENSARY, KIANTSIN.

LONDON OFFICE.  
109, Finch Street, E.C. 1.

## Intimations.

**CHINESE NEW YEAR BANK  
HOLIDAY.**

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of  
1876, the Undersigned BANKS  
will be CLOSED for the Transaction of  
Public Business, on TUESDAY NEXT,  
the 21st Instant.

For the 'Chartered Mercantile Bank of  
India, London and China.'  
O. F. ROWLAND,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Aus-  
tralia and China.'  
J. ANDERSON,  
pro Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-  
ing Corporation.'  
G. E. NOBLE,  
Chief Manager.

For the 'Comptoir National d'Escompte de  
Paris.'  
CHANTREY INGBALL,  
Agent, Hongkong.

For the 'Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Limited.'  
H. A. HERBERT,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, January 17, 1890. 116

In the Matter of Ordinance No. 14 of 1862,  
AND

In the Matter of the Application of THE  
CASSEZ GOLD EXTRACTING  
COMPANY, LIMITED, of 157, West  
George Street, Glasgow, in the County  
of Lanark, North Britain, for leave to  
file a Specification under Ordinance No.  
14 of 1862.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Peti-  
tion, Specification and Declaration  
required herein by Ordinance No. 14 of  
1862, have been duly filed in the Office  
of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong; and  
that it is the intention of the said Cassez  
Gold Extracting Company, Limited, by  
WILLIAM WORTON, their duly-authorized  
Agent and Attorney, to apply at the sitting  
of the Executive Council hereinafter men-  
tioned for LETTERS PATENT for the ex-  
clusive use within the Colony of Hong-  
kong of an Invention for the purpose of  
obtaining Gold and Silver from Ores and  
other Compounds.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a  
sitting of the Executive Council before  
whom the matter of the said Petition will  
come for decision, will be held in the  
Council Chamber, at the Government Office,  
Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the  
28th day of January, 1890, at 11 a.m.

WORTON & DEACON,  
Solicitors.

113, 35, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

In the Matter of Ordinance No. 14 of 1862,  
AND

In the Matter of the Application of JOHN  
HENRY RICHARDSON DIN-  
MORE, of Liverpool, in the County  
of Lancashire, England, for leave to  
file a Specification under Ordinance  
No. 14 of 1862.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Peti-  
tion, Specification and Declaration  
required herein by Ordinance No. 14 of  
1862, have been duly filed in the Office  
of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong; and  
that it is the intention of the said John  
Henry Richardson Dinmore, by  
WILLIAM WORTON, his duly-authorized  
Agent and Attorney, to apply at the sitting  
of the Executive Council hereinafter men-  
tioned for LETTERS PATENT for the ex-  
clusive use within the Colony of Hong-  
kong of an Invention for the purpose of  
obtaining Gold and Silver from Ores and  
other Compounds.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a  
sitting of the Executive Council before  
whom the matter of the said Petition will  
come for decision, will be held in the  
Council Chamber, at the Government Office,  
Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the  
28th day of January, 1890, at 11 a.m.

WORTON & DEACON,  
Solicitors.

114, 35, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

**LETTERS PATENT.**

In the Matter of the Petitions of WILLIAM  
GARLICK, Contractor, and WIL-  
LIAM BRYNE COLVILLE, of 59,  
Strand, in the Town of London, in  
the Empire of India, for LETTERS  
PATENT, for the exclusive use within  
the Colony of Hongkong of Inventions for  
the purpose of burning Town or  
other Refuse.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a  
sitting of the Executive Council, before  
whom the matter of the said Petitions will  
come for decision, will be held in the  
Council Chamber, at the Government Office,  
Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the  
28th day of January, 1890, at 11 a.m.

WORTON & DEACON,  
Solicitors.

114, 35, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Peti-  
tion, Specifications and Declarations  
required herein by Ordinance No. 14 of  
1862, have been duly filed in the Office  
of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong; and  
that it is the intention of the said William  
Garlick, and William Bryne Colville,  
by GODFREY CORNWALL CHESTER MASTER,  
of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong,  
Executive Council hereinafter mentioned  
for LETTERS PATENT for the ex-  
clusive use within the said Colony of Hong-  
kong of the above-named Invention. And, NOTICE  
IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a sitting of the  
Executive Council, before whom the matter  
of the Petitions will come for decision, will  
be held in the Council Chamber, at the  
Government Office, Victoria, Hongkong,  
on TUESDAY, the 28th day of January,  
1890, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,  
Solicitors for the said  
William Garlick, and  
William Bryne Colville.

Supreme Court House,  
Hongkong, 13th January, 1890. 112

**THE PEAK HOTEL TRADING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
SECOND INSTALLMENT OF \$5  
(Five Dollars) per Share, on Call of Ten  
Dollars per Share in the above Company,  
will fall due on February 1st Next, and is  
Payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

INTEREST at the Rate of 12 per Cent. Ann-  
um will be chargeable on all Calls Unpaid on  
the date.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. WHELELY,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 14, 1890. 87

## Business Notices.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.**  
FOR SALE.

**A New Stock of**  
"DEMON" TENNIS RATS.

KENSINGTON TENNIS RATS.

THE "PERFECT" TENNIS BALLS.

AYRE'S CHAMPION TENNIS BALLS.

"CAVENDISH" POLES AND NETS.

TAPE TENNIS COURTS.

TENNIS SHIRTS, WAIST SCARVES.

TENNIS SHOES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 3, 1890. 23

**W. POWELL & Co.**  
HONGKONG RACES—1890.

WE ARE MAKING A SPECIAL SHOW  
OF  
SILKS, PLUSHES, DRESS MATERIALS AND  
MILLINERY.

SUITS FOR THE RACES.

AN EARLY CALL WILL OBLIGE.

W. POWELL & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, JANUARY 11, 1890. 74

**Victoria Hotel,**  
Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central  
and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost  
the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government  
Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much en-  
larged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished with a most  
comfortable and handsome material, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Services of every kind will be found to be of the best description.  
An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious,  
large Dining Hall.

THE HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard  
and other rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.  
Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,  
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

**ROBERT LANG & Co.,**  
Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers and Gentlemen's Outfitters.

WE HAVE JUST OPENED OUT OUR  
NEW AUTUMN GOODS,

consisting of  
A LARGE AND CHOICE SELECTION OF COATINGS FOR MORNING AND EVENING DRESS.  
A very Stylish Lot of TWEEDS, New in Design and Material, and a varied  
Assortment of TROUSERS in all the Newest Patterns.

QUEEN'S ROAD (opposite HONGKONG HOTEL),  
Hongkong, September 14, 1889. 1799

**Intimations.**

**THE WEST POINT BUILDING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY  
YEARLY MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS in this Company will be held  
at the City Hall, on THURSDAY, 23rd  
January, 1890, at 11.30 a.m., for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the Board  
of Directors, together with Statement of  
Accounts to 31st December, 1889.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the  
Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY,  
23rd January, 1890, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Board of Directors, together with State-  
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1889.  
(both days inclusive), during which period  
no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to the Hongkong Land  
Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.,  
General Agents for the West Point  
Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 7, 1890. 41

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT & AGENCY COMPANY,  
LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND  
ORDINARY MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS in this Company will be held  
at the City Hall, on THURSDAY, 23rd  
January, 1890, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Board of Directors, together with State-  
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1889.  
(both days inclusive), during which period  
no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to the Hongkong Land  
Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.,  
General Agents for the West Point  
Building Co., Ltd.

By Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, January 10, 1890. 110

## Entertainment.

**AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.**

**CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME.**

**ALI BABA,**  
AND THE  
**FORTY THIEVES.**

BY SPECIAL REQUEST  
there will be  
A P E R F O R M A N C E  
of the above Pantomime, on  
the 23rd January, at 9 p.m.

Reserved Seats, .....\$2.  
Unreserved Seats, .....\$1.

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs LANE,  
CRAWFORD & Co.'s, on and after Wednesday,  
January 16th.

Hongkong, January 10, 1890. 62

**Banks.**

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.**

PAID-UP CAPITAL, .....\$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND, .....\$4,400,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PAID-UP  
SHARES, .....\$7,500,000

**COURT OF DIRECTORS.**  
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—H. L. DICKINSON, Esq.  
W. G. BROOKS, Esq., J. G. MICHAELSEN,  
T. E. DAVIES, Esq., J. C. COE,  
H. HOPKIN, Esq., J. S. MOSES, Esq.,  
Hon. J. J. KESWICK, L. FORSTER, Esq.,  
H. LAYTON, Esq., D. H. SASSOON, Esq.,  
Hon. A. P. McEWEN.

**CHIEF MANAGER.**  
Hongkong, .....G. E. NOBLE, Esq.,  
MANAGER.  
Shanghai, .....JOHN WALTER, Esq.,  
LONDON BANKERS, .....London and County  
Bankers.

**HONGKONG.**  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate  
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily  
balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

**LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.**  
Credits granted on approved Securities,  
and every description of Banking and  
Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts granted on London, and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,  
Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 10, 1890. 303

**NOTICE.**



## Intimations.

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

A General Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held in the Hongkong Hotel, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th of January, 1890, at 4 p.m.

K. A. STEVENS, Secretary.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 18, 1890.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Forty-Seventh Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 31st Instant, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st Instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 17, 1890.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

As sufficient Shares have been applied for to float the above Company, the business will be taken over in accordance with the Prospectus from this date; but in deference to numerous requests from intending Subscribers the Share List will be kept open until the 31st instant.

January 18, 1890.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

THE LIST WILL POSITIVELY CLOSE ON THE 31st INSTANT, 1890, AT 3 O'CLOCK.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED, OF HONGKONG.)

CAPITAL £400,000, divided into 80,000 Shares of £5 each.

\$5 payable on application; \$5 on allotment, and the balance at call on 3 months' notice being given. No call will be made for at least 6 months.

Shareholders: MESSRS. SHARP, JOHNSON & STOKES.

Bankers: HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Offices: HONGKONG, 37 and 39, Queen's Road, LONDON, 5, St. James Place, E.C.

Applications for Shares (accompanied by a deposit of \$5 per share) may be made on a printed form, forwarded to the Company's Bankers, not later than the 31st Jan., 1890. Should no allotment be made the deposit will be returned in full, and in case the number of shares allotted is less than that applied for, the surplus deposit will be proportionately returned to the sum due on allotment.

Application Forms can be obtained at the offices of the Company's Bankers in Hongkong, Shanghai, and Canton Ports.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1890.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ALFAC, British ship, Capt. R. Magrath—Butterfield & Swire.

GRONOSTA, American barque, Captain Francis Kustan—Gilman & Co.

SHAR, American ship, Captain James F. Rowell—Messers & Co.

LEIPAZ, American ship, Captain J. E. Crosby—Russell & Co.

LEILA, British barque, Captain J. W. Barker—Master.

SAR, British barque, Captain D. Gower—Captain.

TO-day's Advertisements.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Respiria*, Capt. L. NADSEN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading for counter signature by the undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. to-day.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have been landed into the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the spot.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIMONSEN & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 20, 1890.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA (DIRECT), and thence to KOBE.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship *Kanaka*, Capt. McArthur, will be despatched for the above places on FRIDAY, the 24th Instant, at Daylight.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, January 20, 1890.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship *Zafra*, Capt. McArthur, will be despatched for the above places on FRIDAY, the 24th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 20, 1890.

## To-day's Advertisements.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE, VIA SOERABAYA. (Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

The Steamship *Tannatic*, Captain Bezzel, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 24th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 20, 1890.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship *Factor*, Capt. Thompson, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 24th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 20, 1890.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 33.

THE following Conditions of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 3rd day of February, 1890, at 4.30 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command, F. FLEMING, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th January, 1890.

Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 3rd day of February, 1890, at 4.30 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

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## Business Notices.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.)

CONTINUANCE OF

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

On MONDAY NEXT,

And following Days, we will make a

Special Show of

HOUSEHOLD LINENS of every description, BLANKETS, QUILTS, &c., all greatly reduced.

Just to hand and included in the above Sale.

A splendid Assortment of LADIES' and CHILDREN'S NEW BOOTS and SHOES in all the most fashionable shapes.

HONGKONG TRADING Co. Ltd.

Hongkong, January 18, 1890.

DEPARTURES.

January 19.—

Bayera, for Singapore and Bremen.

Propaganda, for Kichinotou.

For Saigon.

Tanaka, for Java.

Actis, for Toulon.

Clara, for Haiphong.

January 20.—

Broomshire, for Nagasaki.

Yikang, for Nagasaki.

For Kobe and Yokohama.

For Portland, Oregon.

Tetamon, for Singapore and London.

Peking, for Ningpo.

Kaiyong, for Shanghai.

Wooning, for Shanghai.

Peninsular, for Shanghai.

January 21.—

For Saigon.

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## WINES AND SPIRITS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)

HONGKONG.

Wine is invited attention to the following old

landed Brands, all of which are ex-

cellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our

London House, and bought direct from the

most noted Shippers, are imported in wood

and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us

to supply the best goods at moderate

prices.

In ordering it is only necessary to

state the name and quantity of Wine or

Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality

desired.

Orders through Local Post or by Tele-

gram receive prompt attention.

For Invalids and general use.

Per Case. Per Bot.

A Alto Douro, good quality,

Green Capsule, \$10 \$1.00

B Vintage, superior quality,

Red Capsule, 12 1.10

C Fine Old Vintage, superior

quality, Black Seal Cap-

sule, 14 1.25

D Very Fine Old Vintage,

extra superior Quality Cap-

sule (Old Bottled), 18 1.50

SELECTIONS.

A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner

wine, Green Capsule, 6 0.60

B Superior Pale Dry, dinner

wine, Green Seal Capsule,

7.50 0.75

C Champagne, Pale Natural

Sherry, White Capsule, 10 1.00

CC Superior Old Dry, Pale

Natural Sherry, Red Seal



The usual entertainment on Tuesday evening (to-morrow) at the Sailors' Home will not be held, on account of Chinese New Year's Day. A concert will be given on the 28th, to-morrow week.

Mr. John Marshall, solicitor, who was for some years editor of the *Straits Times*, and was lately editor of the *Siam Herald*, died in the Singapore Hospital on the 11th inst.

Shortly before eight o'clock on Saturday evening, fire broke out in the Optum Farmer's boiling establishment, No. 220, Praya West, and the building which was no longer one was completely gutted before the fire brigade, who were quickly on the spot, could get the flames extinguished. The adjoining house, No. 230, was slightly damaged by water. The stock in the Optum Farmer's place, which it is said, was worth about \$16,000, was insured with the Northern Assurance Co. (Messrs. Hewitt & Co., agents) for \$8,000. Some of the copper pans and other apparatus may perhaps be saved from the wreck.

The gentlemen from the Straits who are about to give Hongkong a few lessons in cricket, lawn tennis, rowing, sailing, billiards, &c., arrived in the *Peninsular* yesterday. They have not as yet been fortunate in the matter of weather, and unless an improvement takes place, of which there is little appearance at present, the programme of the week's sport will have to be considerably altered. As an addition to the list of events which was published in the *China Mail* on Saturday, it may be mentioned that the rowing competitions are expected to take place on Friday and Saturday.

The following is a list of our Singapore visitors: Hon. and Mrs. Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hooper, Lieut. Bollen, Higginbotham and Smith, Surgeon Smith, Mrs. Clever, Mr. and Mrs. Nason, Mr. R. W. Braddell and Mrs. Braddell, Mr. C. and Mrs. Stricker, Mrs. Swettenham, Mr. de Saavedra, Mr. F. P. and Mrs. Hoiby, Mrs. Latham, Mr. Lines, and Mr. Latchford, Mrs. Dore, Mr. H. Tregear, Mr. A. J. Ross, Mr. E. W. Moss, Mr. A. E. Lemon, Mr. A. H. Gahagan, Mr. Birch, Mr. G. P. Owen, Mr. Hallier and Mr. Pringle.

Weather permitting, the double-handed lawn tennis match, *Straits Settlements* will take place to-morrow, at 4 p.m., on the Cricket Ground. Hongkong will be represented by Messrs E. J. Coxon and W. B. Wallace, and Singapore by Messrs Braddell and Birch.

This interport and other rowing races have been fixed to take place on Friday and Saturday next, commencing each afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. The following is the programme:—

**FRIDAY.**  
3.30. Singapore Hongkong (four), Cup presented by E. R. Belliss, Esq.  
4.00. Scratch four.  
4.30. Singapore v. Hongkong (single scull), Cup presented by the Hon. J. J. Kewick.

**SATURDAY.**  
3.30. Four-oared race between Singapore, Officers 1st A. and S. Highlanders, Officers H. M. S. Imperieuse, and the Victoria Recreation Club. Cup presented by the Hon. C. P. Chater.  
4.00. Scratch four.

4.30. Singapore v. Hongkong (double scull), Cup presented by H. N. Mody, Esq.  
The races will be rowed over the usual mile course.  
In a subsequent issue we hope to be able to give the names and weights of the competing crews.

A MEETING of the Victoria Precinctory of Knights Templar was held on Saturday night, when Sir Knight D. Gillies was installed as Eminent Precceptor for the ensuing year, and afterwards appointed his officers as follows:—Chaplain, Sir Knight G. C. Anderson; Constable, Sir Knight J. W. Croker; Marshal, Sir Knight G. P. Jordan; sub-Marshal, Sir Knight R. Cooke; Treasurer, Sir Knight R. Markwick; Registrar, Sir Knight J. D. Ball; Capt. of Guard, Sir Knight A. G. Ollender; Almoner, Sir Knight P. Brewitt; Dir. of Cer., Sir Knight J. Mitchell; First Herald, Sir Knight E. C. Reynolds; Second Herald, Sir Knight Hercules J. Scott; Organist, Sir Knight H. H. Lightwood; Guard, J. Maxwell. A Past Precceptor's jewel was voted to Eminent Sir Knight A. O'D. Gourdin, as a recognition of his services in the chair during the past year, and a Registrar's jewel to Sir Knight A. Seth, who has resigned that office in consequence of his approaching departure from the Colony on leave. Subsequently the degree of Knight of Malta was worked, when Sir Knight D. Gillies was installed as Eminent Prior, and appointed his officers as follows:—Captain-General, Sir Knight G. C. Anderson; Lieutenant-General, Sir Knight J. W. Croker; First Lieutenant, Sir Knight G. O. Cox; Second Lieutenant, Sir Knight G. P. Jordan; Priests, Sir Knight R. Cooke, Registrar, Sir Knight J. D. Ball; Marshal, Sir Knight E. C. Reynolds; Almoner, Sir Knight H. H. Lightwood; Conservator, Sir Knight J. Mitchell; Bailiff, Sir Knight P. Brewitt; Treasurer, Sir Knight J. Kirkwood; Chancellor, Sir Knight J. Bryant; Captain of the Guard, Sir Knight A. G. Ollender; Guard, Sir Knight J. Maxwell.

The Post Office will be closed to-morrow, a box being kept open for posting as usual. Mails arriving will be distributed first thing on Wednesday morning.

The Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-morrow evening, at 8 p.m.:—Overture, "Semiramide"; *Rossini*. *Valze*, "Eldorado"; *Royce*. *Selection*, "L. Mascoff"; *Adrian*. *Duet*, "Excelsior"; *Baile*. *Selection*, "Robert Bruce"; *Bonissaeu*.

The annual epicker-firing, pandemonium which marks the beginning of the Chinese Year has already commenced, and will no doubt be kept up in accordance with 'old custom' for at least two rounds of the clock, the usual liberty to make night and day hideous having been granted by the Government to the Chinese community. The period of privilege began at four o'clock this afternoon, but the din of crackers and bombs was pretty general all over the city at least an hour before that time. The weather is of the kind usually experienced about the Chinese New Year season, with the Peak shrouded in a thick mist and Queen's Road gradually assuming the appearance of a stream of liquid mud under the softening influence of a drizzling rain.

The Brazilian warship *Almirante Barroso*, which passed through here to Colombo, has created some stir there owing to allegations of cruelty made by four of the crew, who obtained their discharge by maintaining that they had entered the service of an Emperor, not a republic. Numerous other attempts to escape show that the men were dissatisfied, and the four discharged have written to the *Oregon* papers, saying that they had been deceived, and stating that six men absconded at Singapore and several at other stations. —*Straits Times*.

At a meeting of the Singapore Volunteers, Major McCallum referred to a communication received from the Officer commanding the Hongkong Volunteers, expressing a wish to arrange for a simultaneous competition with the 64-pdr. The matter had been discussed with Major Watson, Acting Adjutant V. B. A., but it was found quite impossible to arrange for the match as the 64-pdr. was not a gun to which the S. V. A. were trained, and the conditions suggested by Hong Kong could not be fulfilled, as they implied that the whole of the competition was a weapon practically inaccessible, and that each man should lay the gun for two rounds, and that the best ten scores should be selected. The impossibility of the proposed competition is of course obvious. He was said the other day in alluding to the proposed match, it might be possible to get a couple of detachments to go for an extra course of training so as to take part in such a match, but even then the time and trouble required in getting over to the fort possessing 64-pdrs. would be very considerable. —*Singapore Free Press*.

THE MARINE COURT of Enquiry at Singapore considered for the purpose of investigating the circumstances attending the loss of the *Spania* delivered its findings the other day, of which the following is a part:—Having carefully examined the evidence in this case, we find that the *Spania* was lost on the coast of the South Atlantic Group, through an error in judgment on the part of the Master in not stopping when the land was first sighted at 4.55 a.m. on the 21st December 1889, or what would have been better still, altering course to the Eastward and standing away in that direction till daylight allowed him to make quite certain of his position. He also decided too quickly that the land he saw was Panjag Island, and the small island Korcu, when in reality it was Subi and Tumbulo Islands which were in sight. The Court recommended the Captain and cautioned him to be more careful in future, but did not deal with his certificate.

SPAKING of the Chinese Advisory Board the *Singapore Free Press* says:—It is satisfactory to hear in various quarters that the Societies show signs of accepting the logic of facts, and of accommodating themselves, without overt opposition, to the policy of the Government, which it is understood, is to be firmly pursued. Several Society headmen have been consulting leading Chinese residents regarding the proper way of winding up their Society's affairs, and in Penang, the seat of the most powerful of the Chinese Societies, it is said that the headmen of the Chinese secret societies have already given up all the seals of their societies to the Protector of Chinese. No doubt the known determination of the Government has its certain effect in producing this degree of acquiescence in the Society's policy, but we are convinced that confidence of the European population in the opportuneness and propriety of the Government course of action has been to a great extent secured by the apparent alternative and preferable machinery that the new Board gives us.

The result of the poll for seats on the Council (Shanghai) for the present year was declared the other day. It is altogether probable that there should be a contest for the taking of a ballot, an excellent occasion for the ratepayers to show their appreciation of the services of individual councillors during the year that is past. Of the nine successful candidates at the election, the Chairman of the Council, Mr. Macgregor, heads the list, which is entirely as it should be, and Mr. D. Brand comes within one vote of him, which is equally satisfactory. Three members of the retiring Council follow, the highest of them with six votes more than Mr. Brand, and only one vote apart each. Mr. Joseph Welch, a new candidate (although it is not the first time he has served on the Council), comes next, and then the other successful member of the retiring Council, but with twenty-seven votes less than the lowest of his colleagues. No doubt this may be attributed to a feeling on the part of some of the ratepayers, that after six years of continuous good service, Mr. Adler deserved a rest. Messrs. Leeder and Jansen, both untried men, make up what promises to be a useful and representative board. It would have been thought incredible 30 years ago that a member of the firm of Dent and Company could be an unsuccessful candidate, and we must presume that the voters remembered how Mr. Welch separated himself from his colleagues recently on the Bridge question. It would have been better if he had taken our advice and resigned at the time. There was not much expectation that Messrs. Harcourt and Evans would be elected, and the position they occupy on the return was very generally anticipated for them. —*N. C. Daily News*.

Mr. O'Mahony, the new Chief Justice of Singapore, is due there on the 6th Feb.

We hear that an American syndicate is negotiating to acquire the Sherridon, Snuggler and Mondor, mines, and also that they propose to amalgamate the three mines—if they get them—the scheme to be financed from London. —*Shanghai Mercury*.

From information to hand this morning, we believe that parts of Siam have been visited with a very heavy rainfall extending over two or three days, which temporarily placed business at a standstill and has seriously affected the workings at 'The Goldfields of Siam, Ltd.' —*Straits Times*.

## CANTON.

(From a Correspondent.)

17th January.  
If the roughs and rowdies of this turbulent city contemplate mischief during the ensuing holidays, they must be obliged to discover in front of Shauwan, the *Viper*, the *Linnet* and *Torpedo* boat No. 37. Such appearances have a quieting, almost sedative and soothing effect on such spirits, particularly as it is no secret that the weird, scud-like-looking craft—the *Torpedo* boat—can reach the 'City of Rams' in five hours from Hongkong.

This morning Admiral Sir Nowell Salmon received the return visit of Li Han Chang, Viceroy of the Two Kwang provinces, at the Consulate, the Admiral having called on that functionary yesterday.

The ensuing year will mark an epoch in the history of Canton. Its dark, narrow streets are to be illumined by electricity, thanks to the enterprise of the Cantonese of San Francisco. The new Viceroy has issued his proclamation confirming the privilege, according to the Trans-Pacific sons of this Conservative city, of introducing the electric light. No obstacles are to be suffered to be thrown in the way of the spirited company, who are sending over their engineers and materials to complete their great undertaking.

## SUPREME COURT.

(Before Mr. A. G. Wise, Acting Puisne Judge.)  
Monday, January 20.

**LEUNG AHANG v. O'KEEFE.**  
This was a claim for wages alleged to be due by the defendant to the plaintiff, Mr. O'Keefe, who appeared for the defendant, said the defence was that the plaintiff had been paid all the wages that he was entitled to and that the defendant got a receipt from him.

The plaintiff said—The defendant engaged me through a man Leung Kan here to do bricklayer work for him at Yap. My claim is for \$240, but from that there is to be deducted \$120.00 which I received. I went in defendant's vessel to Yap on 7th May 1887, and I stayed there until 15th September 1889. I worked 31 months and 7 days. My wages were to be \$8 per month and food.

By Mr. Wotton—I was in hospital in Yap for five months. Defendant did not pay me when I came out of hospital but he would not pay me my full wages and that I was not fit to do my work. The last payment he made me was \$52. He did not say that was payment in full.  
Captain O'Keefe, the defendant, said—I am a master mariner and have some property and means at Yap. I engaged the plaintiff as a brick labourer in 1887, and he went with me to Yap in my vessel, the *Suen*. His wages commenced about the middle of June 1887. All went well for some time and then the plaintiff had to go to hospital. I had to pay his expenses in hospital. When he came out he was scarcely able to walk. I told him he was not fit to work and that I would send him away. He begged me not to do so. I said I would only give him half wages and if he liked to take that he could stay. He did not reply, but he refused to go to Hongkong.

In reply to the plaintiff, Captain O'Keefe said—I never refused to let you go away. I did not ask you to do any work on the vessel going to Yap. You assisted to pump the vessel, but everybody does that. If you choose to leave the vessel that is your own election. I did not kick you for being seasick.

His Lordship gave judgment for the defendant, making no order as to costs.

## IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before Mr. Justice Fielding Clarke, Acting Chief Justice.)

**IN THE MATTER OF LUK PAK SHAN.**  
Mr. Luk Pak Shan, who appeared for the petitioner (instructed by Mr. Reddy), said this was a creditor's petition, the petitioner being Leung Lai Yuen, of No. 4 Upper Station Street, the debtor being Luk Pak Shan, building contractor, of 12 Albany Street, who was indebted to the petitioner in the sum of \$300 on a promissory note dated 18th January 1889. The bankrupt was present.

His Lordship said as the act of bankruptcy was proved by affidavit, and there being no opposition, he would grant an order of adjudication.

## THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY COMMISSION.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to issue the following Commission to enquire into the working of the Hongkong Observatory:—

[S.] G. William Des Voeux.  
Whereas it is expedient that a Commission be appointed to enquire into the working of the Hongkong Observatory with special reference to the following details, viz:—

1.—Whether the establishment of the Observatory has effected an improvement on the system of storm warnings which previously existed, and what measures should be taken to secure or to increase improvement in this direction.

2.—The causes of failure, if any, in the system of storm warnings as worked

from the Observatory. What causes led to the absence of warning of the storm of October 15-16.

3.—The practical advantages to the Community of this Colony obtained from the Observatory as at present established, and how such advantages may be increased.

4.—What proportion of the time of the Director and Staff of the Observatory is occupied in securing these practical advantages, as compared with time devoted to the general advancement of science.

5.—Whether the present expenditure on the Observatory is justified in view of the practical advantages above referred to. Whether the provision of a direct cable across the Harbour to secure reliability of communication, and the cost of working and maintaining it, was a justifiable expense; and whether further expenditure in the same direction (e.g. in payments to observers at Hoi-tan and elsewhere) might be considered desirable in view of the results to be expected from them.

6.—Whether the Commission would recommend the continuance of the Observatory, with its present or any other organisation.

7.—Recommendations the Commission desire to make on the above subjects.

New, therefore, I, Sir G. William Des Voeux, Knight Commander of the most distinguished order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same, in Executive Council assembled, do hereby under the powers vested in me by Ordinance No. 7 of 1886 entitled 'The Commissioners Powers Ordinance' of 1886, appoint you, I, the Honourable Walter Meredith Deans, Captain Superintendent of Police, and a Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils;

2.—The Honourable Alexander Palmer Maclean, a Member of the Legislative Council;

3.—Harry T. Grenfell, Esquire, Captain in the Royal Navy;

4.—James Campbell Barker, Esquire, Major in the Corps of Royal Engineers;

5.—Robert Murray Ramsey, Esquire, Harbour Master of the Colony;

6.—Nathaniel Joseph Ede, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace in and for the said Colony;

to be a Commission for the purpose of instituting, making and conducting such enquiry. And I do hereby appoint you to be the Chairman of such Commission; And I do hereby order and direct that for all or any of the purposes of this Commission, the Members thereof constitute of the Chairman shall be and constitute a quorum. And I do further hereby order and direct that the said Commission shall for the purpose of making the said enquiry, have all such powers as may be necessary for the purpose of the following matters, viz:—

The enforcing the attendance of witnesses and examining them on oath, affirmation, or otherwise.

The compelling the production of documents.

The punishing persons guilty of contempt.

The ordering the inspection of any property.

Power also, for the purpose of this Commission, to enter and view any premises.

And I do hereby further direct that every examination of witnesses shall be held in private; And I do further require you to report to me the proceedings of the said Commission, and I hereby charge all persons in the Public Service to assist you herein.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, this 14th day of January, 1890.

By Command, ARABHOON SEIB, Clerk of Councils.

## THE GREAT FIRE AT FOCHOOW.

Poochow, January 4th.

On Saturday morning last, at 3.15 fire broke out in a Chinese cash-shop in the Amoy Road, opposite the Japanese photographer's shop. The fire was caused by thieves breaking in, looting the place, and then setting fire to it with kerosene. The fire spread with great rapidity, owing to the dry state of the wood, and before anything could be done it was an immense conflagration, extending from outside Messrs. Schenckel's and the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China's premises up nearly to Mr. Jos. Phillips's dwelling-house, which is next to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and I hereby charge all persons in the Public Service to assist you herein.

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about that I would not be astonished if we had one or two more fires before the 21st. —*Shanghai Mercury*.

## NOTES FROM NATIVE PAPERS.

The Peking Field Force Arsenal has turned out 37 steel branch-loading rifled machine cannon, made of materials imported from abroad. Each is to be mounted on a two-wheeled gun-carriage, for the marking of which Mr. Shao, has a contract at Tia. 110 each, all iron-work to be supplied by the Arsenal outside the contract. Ten are to be ready at once, the other 27 by the 2nd moon of the coming Chinese new year—28th Feb.

Mr. Chi-Kai, Provincial Treasurer, and Acting Governor of Kuangtung Province, has issued a proclamation relating to the Customs of each City. It appears that the present charge of the Temple at Canton pays as much as from Tia. 7,000 to Tia. 10,000 for the post, recouping himself afterwards from his original outlay by all manner of extortions from the workmen. Thus they are not allowed to bring in their own materials or candles, but must buy them from the priest inside at ten times their value. They must also pay an exorbitant hire for space on the mats on which they perform their prostrations; and women are punished by the priest that a night's rest on the mats in the temple for which they pay a heavy hotel bill to the priest, will ensure them male progeny. In the precincts of the temple quick doctors, astrologers, and charlatans of all kind are allowed to erect their booths on payment of a fee. The Governor sternly announces his intention of doing away with all these abuses, which have heretofore been winked at by the city officials who have each in succession received large bribes for their complaisance. —*Fu Foo*.

## THE ADMIRALTY AND THE P. &amp; O. COMPANY.

Mr. Sutherland, M. P., in the course of his speech at the annual general meeting of the P. & O. Company, said:—

There are two other points to which I should perhaps advert, but only for an instant; I refer, in the first place, to a payment which Her Majesty's Government makes us, and which appears in your accounts for last financial year, on account of the loss of the *Mermaid* in 1885. It may have been, it may not have been, brought to your notice that during the late Russian war in 1855, Her Majesty's Government found it necessary to charter a number of merchant vessels to disengage them from the purpose of cruising there, and enabling them to act as auxiliaries to the Royal Navy. Two of our vessels, the *Mermaid* and *Boat*, were so chartered, and I am happy to say, not only chartered, but they were armed and pre-empted their guns at sea long before our vessels were sent to sea, and were ready for service (Applause). That matter passed off, but under certain arrangements with regard to the American mail contracts, the same idea was again entertained in connection with the *Mermaid* and the *Boat*. The *Mermaid* was chartered to the Admiralty, and the *Boat* was chartered to the Admiralty, and the Admiralty entered into an arrangement that they should have a call on the services of a certain number of their vessels at a given rate in the event of war breaking out. When that arrangement took place we thought that the *Mermaid*, which was engaged in by far the most arduous mail service in the world, should, if from no other reason, certainly from patriotic motives, participate in an arrangement of that public character, and, therefore, although it was no part of our contract, we made overtures to the Admiralty, which overtures were gratefully accepted. Gentlemen, on the financial nature of the arrangement it is merely necessary for me to say this, that if the moment that these overtures were translated into an actual agreement war had broken out, we should in all probability not have made an advance bargain for this Company, because, in the event of a sudden war, our tonnage might have been worth still more than that at which we undertook to let it to the Admiralty. But if peace continues, and I hope it will continue for some time, and if the arrangement which is only a temporary arrangement, continues for some time, I think this engagement which we have entered into with the Admiralty is not only an engagement which was due to the patriotic character of this Company, but it is also an engagement which, from a financial point of view, will prove to be of a thoroughly equitable character. (Applause.)

## NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Pein* arrived yesterday with the English Mail of 20th Dec. We take the following telegrams from our exchanges:—



## LATE TELEGRAMS.

Berlin, December 17.—The strike of the printers has ended in a complete defeat of the men.

London, December 19.—Parnell was received with a public demonstration at Liverpool. In an address he exhorted Liverlians to rally in the next election to the assistance of the grand leader of the Liberal party.

At a banquet at which Parnell was entertained to eight a cheque for \$17,000, the sum of the proceeds of the Liverpool tenants' defence fund, was presented to him.

London, December 21.—The steamer *Patric* was run down by a vessel. The crew took to the boats. A boat containing thirteen men is missing. The others were landed at Boulogne.

Perth, December 23.—The office of the Perth Lottery Company was robbed last night. The burglars secured a quantity of specie and escaped.

Berlin, December 23.—The striking coal miners in the Saar district have decided to resume work pending a settlement of their claims.

Paris, December 24.—Mme. Bonnemais, an enthusiastic supporter of General Boulanger, has just inherited \$1,000,000, the bulk of which she will devote to the General's cause.

London, December 21.—A syndicate, with a capital of \$10,000,000, has been formed to buy out the business of the British carpet manufacturers and work their establishments on American patents.

London, December 21.—The proprietors of the boot and shoe factories in Bristol have locked out their operatives. By this step 9000 persons are thrown out of employment. The employers are willing to submit the differences to arbitration.

London, December 21.—The factory of Mitchell & Shepherd at Bradford was burned this morning. The loss is \$150,000.

Brussels, December 25.—A general strike of colliers has been inaugurated in Belgium. The scarcity of coal is beginning to be severely felt.

London, December 25.—Her Markdoff, a Vienna millionaire, is dead.

London, Dec. 14.—It has been stated over and over again of late that the Prince of Wales is in a declining state of health and that this arises from his being greatly worried over some malicious reports recently set afloat concerning one of his family. To ignore these rumors is useless, and, therefore, it is best to deal with them at once by the distinct and very positive assertion that they are untrue.

The Prince has had no cause for anxiety, and whatever investigations may take place at any time, neither he nor any one of his family can possibly be injured by them. To this statement you may safely give the fullest and widest interpretation, and you may depend upon it that events will fully substantiate it.

London, December 15.—Clarettons declines to accept an invitation to initiate the agitation looking to the establishment of a working day of eight hours. He says his time must be largely devoted to the settlement of the Irish question, and that for this reason, as well as the fact that the initiative of any such movement must be taken by a leading party in the movement.

Sofia, December 21.—In the Sobranje yesterday there was a debate on the budget, which shows a deficiency of \$1,800,000. Stamboulieff declared that the actual condition of things and the prospect for the future precluded the possibility of any reduction in the military expenditures.

London, December 25.—It is stated that Edison sent as a Christmas gift to Archduchess Elizabeth, daughter of the late Archduke Rodolph, Crown Prince of Austria, a photographic coll.

Henri Rochefort is suffering from paralysis in the head. He articulates only with difficulty, but he retains his intelligence perfectly and his mind is as active as ever.

Zanzibar, December 14.—Stanley is advised by physicians to remain in the tropics until summer. The brusque transition to a colder climate might imperil his health, which is considerably weakened by hardship and fever.

Washington, (D.C.), December 16.—The Secretary of State has sent the following cable to Explorer Stanley at Zanzibar: "I am directed by the President of the United States to tender his congratulations to you upon the success which has attended your long tour of discovery through Africa, and upon the advantages which may accrue therefrom to the civilized world.—BIAIRN."

A riot in Vienna.

Vienna, December 14.—During the anti-Semite meeting last night a riot occurred between the Radical German Nationalists and the Austrian Conservatives. Five of the participants, including Patti, a member of the Reichsrath, were injured.

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the BRECONSHIRE & GODOWN Co. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 24th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 17, 1890. 119

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 5 p.m. To-day (Thursday), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

Goods remaining undelivered after Thursday, the 23rd Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges at one cent per packet per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 25th January (Saturday), or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, January 16, 1890. 108

## GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

## FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenloch* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her and by the S.S. *Ludgate Hill*, from New York, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

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Hongkong, January 16, 1890. 102

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